

# The City of Marion, South Carolina

## SWAMP FOX SCENE



A FREE monthly news magazine for  
the citizens and visitors of the Swamp Fox City

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### Residential Guide to Zero-Sort Recycling

**Aluminum & metal cans**  
**#1 & #2 Plastic bottles & jugs (caps removed)**  
**Phone books**  
**Newspapers, magazines, brochures & inserts (no bags, do not tie & bundle)**  
**Paperboard boxes (cereal, pasta & tissue)**  
**Cartons**  
**Corrugated cardboard & Paper bags (flattened)**  
**Greeting cards, regular & junk mail**  
**Cardboard beverage carriers**  
**NO NEED TO REMOVE:**  
Paper clips, stamps, address labels, staples, metal fasteners, cellophane address windows, rubber bands, spiral bindings, plastic tabs  
**Please flatten all cardboard boxes. Empty and rinse all containers.**  
**Paperback books**  
**File folders, office paper**  
**Loose metal jar lids & steel bottle caps**  
**Paper towel rolls**

**NO**

- Glass
- Scrap metal
- Plastic bags
- Plastic lids & caps
- Plastic 6-pack holders
- Needles or syringes
- Plastic microwave trays
- Frozen food, ice cream or frozen juice containers
- Window panes, mirrors, ceramics & Pyrex dishware
- Plastics other than those listed
- Paint, pesticides, oil & cleansers
- Stickers or address label sheet waste
- Waxed paper or waxed cardboard
- Styrofoam or paper-to-go containers
- Organic material and food waste
- Electronic waste (batteries, cell phones, computers, etc.)

**Please follow these guidelines carefully!**

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**QUESTIONS?**

**MARION South Carolina**  
**AMERICAN WASTE SYSTEMS**

**AIM FOR MAXIMIZED RECYCLING**

### City of Marion Recycling Center

The City of Marion Recycling Center is located on Railroad Avenue near the City Maintenance Shop.

**This drop off site is for residential use only.**

Recycling saves time and money! We can all help reduce garbage in our landfills and control our solid waste fees!

If you have any questions, please contact the City of Marion, 843-423-5961.

### Business License Renewals

**All City of Marion Business License expired on June 30th. To avoid paying a penalty, renewals are due by 5:00 p.m. July 31st. For help or if you have questions about your business license renewal are no longer doing business, please contact Ainsley Sanders at (843) 423-5961.**

### NO TIRES OR TELEVISIONS ON CURBSIDE



The City takes pride in keeping Historical Marion looking beautiful. With spring comes warmer weather and the grass-cutting season is quickly approaching. There are City Ordinances for overgrown and vacant lots. If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact City Hall at (843) 423-5961. In case you didn't know, **tires** or **televisions** placed curbside in the City of Marion are considered litter by City Ordinance. For health and safety reasons and in accordance with DHEC regulations, city employees no longer pick up **tires** or **televisions** at curbside. The fine for littering is **\$1,092.50**. Homeowners are to dispose of unwanted tires and televisions



at the **Palmetto Hardwood Recycle Center** located at **2631 Senator Gasque Rd, Marion SC**. Call the **Palmetto Hardwood Recycle Center** at **(843) 423-8284** for hours of operation. If you have any questions about this reminder, please call the City Administrator at Marion City Hall, (843) 423-5961. Property owners in the Historic District, please be aware of the zoning ordinances and guidelines that are in place before any changes are made to historic properties. If you have any questions, please contact City Hall at (843) 423-5961.

Thanks for your cooperation with this matter!!

### Yard Sale Permits



With all the great weather, yard sales will be popping up all over town. Remember to purchase your permit (**\$5 per day at City Hall Monday thru 12:00 noon Thursday**). **YARD SALE PERMITS WILL NOT BE ISSUED AFTER 12:00 ON THURSDAY.**

**"ABSOLUTELY" no Yard sale permits are issued on Fridays.**

If you have any questions please contact the Administrative Assistant, Ainsley Sanders at (843) 423-5961.

### Learn Lifesaving Skills from the Experts.



Marion Fire Department will be teaching CPR classes on July 19, 2018 starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Marion Fire Department located on 109 E. Bond Street, Marion.

For more information and to register, please contact Chief Trey Cooper at (843) 423-8602 or email [tcooper@marionsc.gov](mailto:tcooper@marionsc.gov).

Mark your calendars!!

### Membership Campaign

It is Membership time here at HMRA! What does that mean? It is time to renew your status as a member either online or in the office. We have been working hard to outline the benefits of joining HMRA at different levels and we are pleased to get that information to you.

Historic Marion Revitalization Association wants your support! Join HMRA as a member and enjoy benefits such as discounted admission to our events, monthly Rise and Shine meetings with breakfast provided, free set up at craft fairs, and more! Businesses who join have access to our billboard and Facade Improvement Grant programs, as well as Business Spotlight highlights, free admission to events, and additional benefits in the works. Your membership helps us to streamline efforts to improve our Main Street and market our town to bring in visitors and tourists to our area. When you invest in where you live, everyone benefits! Call Stephanie to sign up today at (843) 423-9918.

## THE CITY'S NEWS.....

Marion Chamber of Commerce announces Yard of the Month



David James of 620 Willcox Avenue has been awarded the Marion Chamber of Commerce Yard of the Month for June 2018. The Chamber is proud to recognize those in our community that work so diligently, and add so much to our community's unique character. Mr. James will receive a Marion Chamber of Commerce Chamber Check in recognition of this honor.

### **Who should I call for city information?**

Call City Hall, **843-423-5961**, unless otherwise noted, and one of the following will be able to help you.

**Mayor Ashley Brady**, (843) 992-3773  
**Alan Ammons**, City Administrator & Building Official, Ext. 19  
**Gwendolyn Davis**, City Clerk, Ext. 10  
**Patricia Brown**, City Treasurer, Ext. 18  
**Ainsley Sanders**, Administrative Assistant, Ext. 11  
**Elizabeth Gray**, Personnel & Purchasing Director, (843) 423-8614  
**Vickie J. Nichols**, Grant Writing & Publicist, Ext. 22  
**Kim Elliott**, Recreation Director, (843) 423-5410  
**Randy Brown**, Maintenance Superintendent (843) 423-5961  
**Winky Fore**, Public Works Superintendent (843) 423-8648  
**Tony Flowers**, Police Chief (843) 423-8616  
**Chris Smith**, Captain (843) 423-8616  
**Lt. Marilyn Rogers**, Investigator (843) 423-8616  
**Trey Cooper**, Fire Chief, (843) 423-8602  
**Jackie Yates**, Assistant Fire Chief (843) 423-8602  
**Heather Evans**, Municipal Court Clerk, (843) 423-8616  
**Almeta Mullins**, Secretary, (843) 423-8616

### **Downtown Merchants!!!**

The City of Marion sweeps Main Street each Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning around 5:00 a.m. To keep downtown Marion looking beautiful please sweep your sidewalk and storefront areas on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon.

Thank you for supporting the City of Marion!

### **Looks what's happening at the Library!!**

The Marion County library will be having two performers at the Marion Opera House in July—Porkchop Productions and the Center for the Birds of Prey. Porkchop Productions will be there performing "Rapunzel" on Friday, July 13th at 10:30 AM, and the Center for the Birds of Prey will be coming with live birds on Friday, July 20th at 10:30 AM. Free to the public. Space will be limited for the Birds of Prey.

### **SAVE THE DATE**

Marion Chamber of Commerce Annual Golf Tournament  
 Wednesday, September 12, 2018  
 Dusty Hills County Club  
 Shotgun start at 1:00 p.m.

The Swamp Fox Scene is the City of Marion's Free monthly newspaper for citizens and visitor's of the Swamp Fox City, Marion, South Carolina. Printed by Herald Multiforms in Dillon, city employees produce and distribute the newspaper.

The Marion Chamber and HMRA help pay printing costs.

A PDF version is available by e-mail or online. For more information about the newspaper, call Mayor Ashley Brady or City Administrator Alan Ammons at (843) 423-5961.

### **Grass, weeds and overgrown vegetation Ordinances**

According to the City's CODE OF ORDINANCES : **Section 6-1009.1 through Section 6-1009.6**, grass, weeds, or other overgrown vegetation higher than one foot on average is declared to be a nuisance. The ordinance also states that any property owner or occupant of the property that allows the property to serve as a breeding place for trash and litter or as a fire hazard is to be declared a nuisance. Any individual who fails to resolve the issue within 10 days of notice of non-compliance will be guilty of a misdemeanor. The City may remove weeds, overgrown vegetation either by the use of a city crew or designated contractor and the cost will become a lien upon the property and collected in the same manner as municipal taxes. The cost of such action by the city is as follows: \$100 per lot, ½ acre or less; \$175 per lot, ½ acre to 2 acres; \$250 per lot, 2 acres to 5 acres; \$250 per lot, 5 acres and over, plus \$100 per hour; or any contractor costs incurred by the city to correct the nuisance lot in addition to the cost of mailings. If an owner or occupant of a property believes they are unable to pay to have the grass, weeds, or overgrown vegetation removed, he or she may ask the City of Marion for assistance.

A voucher program, administered by a seven-member committee, is available for reviewing requests for assistance by low-income persons.

For information about the voucher program, contact City Administrator Alan Ammons at 843-423-5961.

### **Fireworks Ordinance**

#### **Be safe for the 4th of July**

The City of Marion's Fireworks Ordinance states that it is unlawful for anyone to possess, sell, offer for sale, store, transport, or use within the city, any fireworks that are not classified as ICC Class C "common Fireworks." It is also unlawful to explode or ignite fireworks within 600 feet of a church, hospital, asylum, or public school to explode or ignite fireworks within 75 feet of where fireworks are stored, sold, or offered for sale; to ignite or discharge any permissible fireworks within or throw the same from any motor vehicle; and to place or throw any ignited fireworks into or at any motor vehicle. No fireworks of any kind shall be used, fired, shot or discharged except; (1) from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on New Year's Day, (2) 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. during the 4th of July Holidays – July 1st thru July 6th, (3) 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Memorial Day, (4) 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Labor Day, (5) 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. during the Christmas Holidays – December 23rd thru December 30th and (6) 5:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. on New Year's Eve.

Be Careful this 4th of July and all Holidays when handling fireworks!!

If you have any questions pertaining to the City Ordinance, contact the Building Official at 843-423-5961.

### Michael Gause City's Employee of the Month.



The City of Marion is proud to announce Public Works Department employee Michael Gause as its May 2018 Employee of the Month.

Mike has been employed with the City of Marion since September 2016. He is responsible for collecting large household items and yard debris from citizens and transporting these items to the landfill. In addition to keeping the debris cleaned up, Mike also assists the City with tree trimming and other beautification projects.

"Mike is one of our most dependable employees. He has a strong work ethic and a friendly smile, and he is always courteous to our residents and the other employees in the department", said Public Works Director Winky Fore.

He and his wife, Kimberly, are residents of Marion.

The Mayor and Council recognized Michael Gause for his dedicated service to the City of Marion and its citizens at the June 12<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.



#### July 4th - Wednesday

City offices closed to observe Independence Day! Offices reopen at 8:00 a.m. on July 5th.

#### July 10th - Tuesday

6:30 p.m. City Council Meeting, Council Chambers.

#### July 11th - Wednesday

8:30 a.m. **Rise and Shine** at Bridgers Drug Store, located 305 N. Main St., Marion.

#### July 13th - Friday

10:30 a.m. Marion County Library. **Porkchop Productions and the Center for the Birds of Prey.** Performing "Rap-punzel". **Free to the public.**

#### July 19th - Thursday

9:00 a.m. Marion Fire Department. **CPR Classes.** 109 E. Bond St. For more information and to registered, please contact Chief Trey Cooper at (843) 423-8602.

#### July 20th - Friday

10:30 a.m. Marion County Library. **Porkchop Productions and the Center for the Birds of Prey.** Will be coming with live birds. **Free to the public. Space will be limited for the Birds of Prey.**

### A-TEAM NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

"WE ARE OUR NEIGHBORS" KEEPERS"

By: Dolly Boyer

Happy summer, Marion! It is once again time for National Night Out. This year will be the fourth year A-Team has participated. As always, it will be held on the first Tuesday in August, August 7<sup>th</sup>. This will be the thirty-fifth annual NNO. It is a unique crime/drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch. In its first year, 2.5 million Americans took part across 400 communities in twenty-three states. NNO now involves over 38 million people and 16,000 communities from all 50 states, US territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide. NNO provides a great opportunity to promote police-community partnerships, crime prevention and neighborhood spirit. While this one night alone, is certainly not the answer to drugs, crime and violence, NNO represents the kind of energy, determination and spirit to help neighborhoods be safer year round. This night represents "America's Night out against Crime." The night celebrates safety and crime prevention successes and works to grow and strengthen programs for the next 364 days.

Once again A-Team 's celebration, a partnership between us and our police department, will take place on the corner of W Bond and S Withlacoochee Ave from 6-10 PM. We will have food, drinks, fun, games and entertainment for all ages. Be sure to leave the porch light on before you come out to join us! For more information call Dolly @ 843-433-0941.

A-Team's next meeting will be held July 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 6:30 PM in the Firehouse on E Bond St. In preparation for NNO, we will not meet in August. Come out and join us for monthly meetings and NNO. Be part of the solution! Remember our moto: "we are our neighbors' keepers."

### BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: Swamp Fox Vape

Written by Promotions Team of Historic Marion Revitalization Association



My name is Dylan Forney and I am the owner of Swamp Fox Vape Shop in Marion. Since our opening in April 2017 we've strived to be the best! Recently winning the title

"Best Vape Shop in the Pee Dee" by the Morning News, we continue to hold onto the mindset that got us where we are today. We offer all types of vaping equipment and accessories geared to help those trying to come off of traditional tobacco products while providing excellent customer service. Most people don't expect the selection we have until they see it for themselves. As one new customer this morning said, "dang!". Being the only vape shop in the county, we make sure to stay on top of the fast-paced market, bringing in new items every day while retaining some of the lowest prices you can find! In the early days of Marion our building was the towns first jail. Nowadays most people stay on their own accord after chilling out on our couches watching tv, playing video games, or just hanging out with the fellow vape community. We are located at 109 Harlee Pl. and we're open from 10am-8pm Monday through Saturday. If you're looking to make the switch or just want to check us out, come on by!

### City of Marion Recycling Center

Do you use the recycling bins on Bobby Gerald Parkway? It's a great way to keep Marion beautiful but...we need to recycle properly for it to matter. The cardboard bin is just that, made specifically to accept our cardboard boxes. Before you put your cardboard in the bin it needs to be broken down, that way we can fit more recyclable cardboard inside. The rest of the bins are for separated items; glass, plastics and paper. No household garbage or construction materials, televisions or tires are permitted in the recycle bins. Contamination ruins the entire load. When people throw in things they shouldn't the entire load must be dumped at a landfill. It cannot be accepted at the recycling center. Leaving non-recyclable items is considered littering and the fine for that is **\$1,092.50**. All unwanted garbage should be taken to the **Palmetto Hardwood Recycle Center** located at **2631 Senator Gasque Road, Marion SC**. Call the Palmetto Hardwood Recycle Center at **(843) 423-8284** for hours of operation. Let's work together to keep Marion beautiful!!

### Rep. Atkinson speaks with Kids at Summer Camp



Representative Lucas Atkinson speaks to the kids at the City of Marion summer program. He stated that Mrs. Ellen Baldwin and the volunteers do a great job with these kids and they do different activities throughout the summer.

Thank you Representative Atkinson for all your support!

**City's Playgrounds**

The following City of Marion playgrounds provide free fun and are open to the public:

**Withlacoochee Park**

Withlacoochee Ave - This park has a walking track and playground equipment. This site holds Marion's Tennis Courts.

**Grice's Recreation Center**

603 Gurley Street - The playground has been updated with new playground equipment. This site also has a basketball court behind the center and is near the walking track.

**Tilghman Park**

409 Montgomery Street - This is has slides, hobby horses, swings and a merry-go-round.

**Aerobics at CD Joyner**

Aerobics classes are offered Monday thru Friday evening, from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. at CD Joyner. Taught by Ms. Lillie Ann Sanders, the classes are \$30 per month. For information or details, call Recreation Department at 423-5410.

**Ping Pong Club**

Don't forget that Marion Recreation holds a Ping Pong Club every Monday & Wednesday from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. You can come by on one of these days and freshen up on your ping pong skills, watch some games or learn how to play. For details, call 423-5410.

**Senior Bingo**

We offer Senior Bingo the on first & third Thursday of each month from 8:30 a.m. –9:30 a.m. at Watsonia Recreation. Bingo is FREE of charge and we welcome newcomers to come join in on the fun. We offer prizes for the winners and refreshments for you to enjoy while playing. We do have a 2 card playing limit. Come check us out and bring some friends to join in.

See you there!

**Check us out online!**

The City of Marion Recreation Department is on Facebook and online. For information and updates on games scheduling, cancellation and pictures. Visit the [www.marionsc.gov](http://www.marionsc.gov) web site. Find us under "Residents" and then click on "Recreation". To Find us on Facebook, visit **Marion Recreation Department!**

**Senior Aerobics at Watsonia Center**

Senior Aerobics has resumed and there are still some spots for newcomers. Classes are on Monday and Thursday, from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. The instructor is Mrs. Anna Boatwright. All classes are FREE, but donations are appreciated to help defer cost of the class. If you haven't participated before, please come out and register at the Marion Recreation Department.

**City Rentals Available**

Need a place to have your class reunion, family reunion, church social, or to have a party? We have the perfect location for you, whether an outdoor or indoor event from our picnic shelter or our recreation and fine arts center. Anyone interested in these locations for their events should call Pansy Brown, 423-5410 for availability.

**BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: James Brogdon, III**

Written by Promotions Team of Historic Marion Revitalization Association



This year, Marion saw the opening of a new business and return of Marion native, James Brogdon, III. In January, he proudly opened the doors to his attorney office at 717 West Liberty Street, across from the old Blumenthal Mills. Born and raised in Marion, opening an office in Marion seemed like a natural choice for James.

Offering a wide array of legal services to the town, he focuses in on representing people who have been injured.

He enjoys spending time and working in the community where he was raised. James also serves as the City Attorney for Marion. Stop by his office with questions, or call 843.433.8515.

**Dr. Tracy P. George, DNP, APRN-BC, CNE**

Helping Hands Free Medical Clinic would like to welcome Dr. Tracy George as our newly Nurse Practitioner. She is excited to provide health care services to the residence of Marion County and its surrounding areas. Tracy has worked as a nurse practitioner for 19 years in various settings including internal medicine, the emergency department, and public health. She has a special interest in women's health, including pap smears, breast exams, and contraception, including contraceptive implants and intrauterine devices (IUDs). She graduated from Davidson College with a Bachelor of Science in Biology and then completed her undergraduate nursing coursework as well as a Master of Science in Nursing from Vanderbilt University School of Nursing. Her Doctor of Nursing, (DNP) degree was from the Medical University of South Carolina. She is an assistant professor of nursing at Francis Marion University. She has published and presented nationally on nursing topics. She is married and has two children. She has lived in Latta for the past 16 years.

**National Garden Week Proclamation**

National Garden Week is a week set aside for Garden Clubs to show support to their communities. Garden Clubs deal with this in several different ways: customarily, floral designs are created by club members and placed in the foyers of several Municipal Buildings.

As an acknowledgment of the many contributions of the garden clubs of Marion, Mayor Ashley Brady proclaimed

June 4-10, 2018, as National Garden Week. Founded by National Garden Clubs, Inc., National Garden Week is observed annually



during the first full week in June. The Daphne Garden Club and Azalea Garden Club placed floral arrangements in the City Hall, the Police Department, the Library, the Museum and the Sheriff's Office. Pictured with Mayor Brady are Rosanne Black, president of the Daphne Garden Club and Marilyn McIntyre, president of the Azalea Garden Club.

**POOL**

The Pool is officially open. Come and enjoyed the pool. Certified Life-guards on duty at all times. Pools hour are Monday – Friday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m. -6:00 p.m. Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m. -6:00 p.m. Price is only \$1.00. Pool is closed on Thursday and Friday morning ONLY from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. for **summer camp students only**. The Pool is also available for **rent**. Please contact the Marion Recreation Department for pricing, (843) 423-5410.